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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
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Takahisa Ueda et al ) Art Unit: 1772  
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Appln. No. : 09/270,673 ) Ex: M. Miggins  
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Filed : March 16, 1999 ) VIA FACSIMILE  
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For : ANNULAR SLIDING FLUOROPLASTICS )  
MEMBER, AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING )  
AN ANNULAR SLIDING FLUOROPLASTICS )  
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RESPONSE

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Introductory Comments

The following amendment to the claims and the associated remarks are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of December 19, 2003.